

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

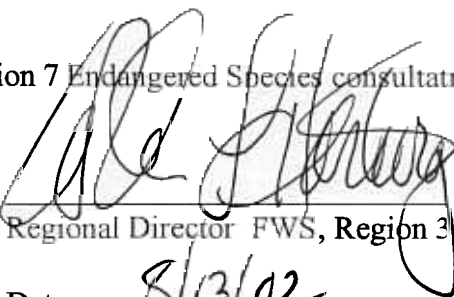
For the reasons briefly presented below and based on an evaluation of the information contained in the supporting references enumerated below, I have determined that removal of the **Schweitzer Dam at Polk, Wisconsin on Cedar Creek (Washington County)** is not a major Federal action which would significantly affect the quality of the human environment with the meaning of Section 102(2)(c) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969. An Environmental Impact Statement will, accordingly, not be prepared.

Reasons:

1. There are no known or anticipated endangered, threatened or candidate species or designated critical habitat that will be adversely affected (p. 18, section 3.2.1 of EA and attached Intra-Service Section 7 form).
2. No known historic properties will be affected (p. 18, section 3.2.2 of EA).
3. This is the last of five dams to be removed from the upper and middle reaches of Cedar Creek (25 miles) (p. 5, section 1.4 of EA).
4. Removal of the Schweitzer dam will not impact the surrounding land use and land values (p. 21, section 4.15 of EA).
5. Removal of the dam will not have any noticeable effect on flood levels upstream or downstream of the dam during major floods (p. 21, section 4.1.5 of EA).
6. Cumulative effects of removing this dam are considered positive, as its removal will eliminate the last of five dams which prevented normal fish migration and acted as a navigation hazard (p. 22, section 4.1.8 of EA).
7. Carp and other non-native fish in the impoundment will be captured and destroyed as the impoundment water is lowered (p. 30, Chapter 7 of EA).
8. Public review of the Draft EA resulted in one comment, which was addressed in the EA (Chapter 7) and in item 7 above.

Supporting References:

1. Environmental Assessment (EA)
2. Phase 1 form (State ER form) and Phase 2 form for Section 7 Endangered Species consultation
3. Public comments

  
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